EXTENSION OF THE RAILWAY FROM ERNAKULAM TO THE HARBOUR—PROGRESS OF.

174. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Will the Government be pleased to state how far has the extension of the Railway from Ernakulam to the Harbour progressed?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Two reports so far received from the Railway Authorities in regard to the progress of the Railway Extension Work, one for the quarter ended 31st December 1937 and the other for the quarter ended 31st March 1938 are appended (*Vide Appendix III.*)

The hon'ble member's attention is also drawn to para 7 of the Diwan's opening speech in the Council on 14th July 1938.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Certain works were done in the quarter under review. Were these works let on contract?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): Yes. Quite so. Generally all the works are let on contract in the Railways.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar (*Nellayi*): Are tenders called for?

Rama Varmha Tampuran (*Comptroller of Finance and Accounts*): Yes.

MOTOR VEHICLES OWNED BY GOVERNMENT— EXPENDITURE REGARDING.

175. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the number of motor vehicles owned and maintained by the Government at present;

(*b*) by whom and for what purposes are they used;

(*c*) the expenses the Government have incurred on them in 1112 M. E. and 1113 M. E. under the following items (i) oil, (ii) repair charges, (iii) pay of drivers, mechanics and cleaners and (iv) miscellaneous?

Mr. V. K. Aravindaksha Menon (*Chief Engineer*):

(*a*) 26 cars and 2 lorries.

(*b*) The cars are stationed in the following places:

(*i*) Garage in the Hill Palace.

(*ii*) Diwan's House.

(*iii*) Palace of the H. H. the Elaya Raja.

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(*iv*) Garage in Trippunittura for the general use of the members of the Royal family.
(*v*) For the use of the Consort of H. H. the late Maharaja.
(*vi*) In the Mechanical Office garage for the use of the State Guests.
(*vii*) In the Residential Palace for the use of the wards.
(*viii*) One in the G. T. School.

Three cars have been ordered recently to be disposed of.

(*c*) *Details.*

	1112.			*For the 1st 10 months of 1113.*		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Petrol ..	16,420	11	6	10,364	0	0
Lubricating oil ..	630	11	0	306	4	0
Tyres and tubes ..	2,591	10	0	2,248	3	0
Stores for repairs, painting and purchase of spare parts ..	3,761	15	1	2,517	0	5
Miscellaneous ..	2,196	8	11	2,498	7	6
Pay of drivers, cleaners, mechanics, etc. ..	10,032	0	0	9,317 (for 11 months).	0	0

Mr. V. J. Mathai (*Planters*): On a point of information, may I know whether any other member of the Government can reply to questions?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): Yes.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): ഇതിൽ പറഞ്ഞിട്ടുള്ള വണ്ടി എണ്ണത്തിൽ സ്റ്റോക്കാക്കും എത്ര? പാലസ്സുകാക്കും എത്ര?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): ഇതിൽ പാലസ്സുകാക്കും ഒന്നുമില്ല.

Mr. K. S. Panicker (*Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram*): ഇതെല്ലാം സ്റ്റോക്കാക്കും ആണൊ?

Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): അതെ.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan (*Ezhuvas-Talappalli*): Do the Government receive any report or statement from the officers or persons who are using the cars about the purport of the journey they make in these cars?

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Mr. K. P. Kannan Nayar (*Secretary to Government*): No. Government do not receive any report.

TOLLS—IRINJALAKKUDA MUNICIPALITY—INTRODUCTION OF.

176. Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*):

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) whether the Municipal Council, Irinjalakkuda has decided to introduce tolls in the Karupadanna, Kallettumkara and Trichur roads from the beginning of the year 1114 M. E.;

(*b*) if the answer to (*a*) is in the positive, whether Government has approved of this decision;

(*c*) whether the Government has received a petition from the Irinjalakkuda Motor Union protesting against the introduction of these new tolls;

(*d*) and if so, how that petition has been disposed of?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.
(*b*) Yes.
(*c*) Yes.
(*d*) The petition was not allowed. But the Government propose to reduce some of the toll rates of the Irinjalakkuda Municipality in view of the burden to the public which the introduction of Municipal tolls entails.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): Will the Government be pleased to enquire what is the distance between the revenue toll in Nadavaramba and the Municipal toll on the Karupadanna road?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): It will be two or two and a half miles.

Mr. K. Achyuta Menon (*Diwan Peishkar*): I think it is less than 2 miles—very nearly 2 miles.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon (*Mulakunnathukavu*): And the distance between the revenue toll and the Municipal toll, if my recollection is correct is $2\frac{1}{2}$ miles. Is the Government satisfied that the introduction of tolls at such short distances will cause apart from cost great inconvenience?

Mr. P. J. George (*Joint Secretary to Government*): No inconvenience. It is only a question of payment. For additional amenities it must be paid.

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